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JUNE 21. 1642.

A New DECLARATION OF THE LORDS and COMMONS In PARLIAMENT, IN ANSWER TO His Majesties Letter,

Dated the 14 day of June;

And sent to the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of the City of *London*:

As also, concerning His Majesties Declaration published at *Heyworth-Moore*.

Together with the Vindication of the Parliament, from Scandalls which are cast upon them.

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A new Declaration
OF THE
LORDS and COMMONS
in Parliament.

WHereas in a Paper inſcribed, *To Our truſtie and welbeloved, the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of the City of London,* dated the 14 of June, 1642. It is affirmed, that great labour is uſed to perſwade His Majeſties Subjects to raiſe Horſe, and to furniſh Money, upon pretence of a Guard for the Parliament, but in truth to be imployed againſt His Majeſtie; The Lords and Commons do declare, That the deſign of thoſe Propoſitions is, as was formerly declared, to

maintain the Proteſtant Religion, the Kings Authority and Perſon in His Royall Dignity, the free courſe of Juſtice, the Laws of the Land, the Peace of the Kingdom, and Priviledges of Parliament, againſt any force which ſhall oppoſe them.

And they do further declare, That as the forces already attending His Majeſtie, and the preparation which His Majeſtie is now making, of Arms, Horſe, and Ordinance from within His Kingdom, and without, at firſt coloured under the pretence of a Guard, do evidently appear to be intended for ſome great and extraordinary deſign; ſo they give juſt cauſe of Fear and Jealouſie to the Parliament: And do fully juſtifie thoſe Votes of the Kings Intention of levying War againſt the Parliament, to be altogether free from any Imputation of Scandall, as is injuriouſly caſt upon them by that Paper.

For, ſo long as His Majeſtie ſhall continue thoſe levies and preparations, (The Lords and Commons in Parliament having been ſo often threatned and reviled for their proceedings about *Hull*, and the *Militia*, ſo neceſſarily undertaken for the good and peace of the Kingdom) they cannot be ſecured by His Majeſties ſolemn Proteſtation alone, expreſſed in this and other Declarations, That all His deſires and purpoſes are for the publike Peace, and that he hath not the leaſt thought of uſing force, except he be compelled to it for the Defence of His Perſon,

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and Protection of the Laws; ſeeing His Majeſtie, in a Declaration publiſhed at *Heyworth-Moore*, doth Interpret the Protection of the Laws in ſuch a manner, as giveth juſt and full occaſion to beleeve, That by protecting the Laws, His Majeſtie intendeth Force upon, or againſt thoſe who ſhall ſubmit to the Ordinance of the *Militia*; And becauſe it appears by divers expreſſions and proceedings of His Majeſtie, he hath diſcovered an Intention of making ſome Attempt upon *Hull*.

In both which caſes they do declare, That whatſoever violence ſhall be uſed, either againſt thoſe who exerciſe this *Militia*, or againſt *Hull*, they cannot but take it as done againſt the Parliament.

And whereas the Houſes have upon loane received great ſums of Money, for the ſervice of *Ireland*, from the Companies of the City of *London*, (for which they give them great and hearty thanks) They do declare, That theſe ſums ſhall be diſpended as the former have been, to that onely ſervice, notwithſtanding an Inſinuation laying an aſperſion upon them, as if they had done otherwiſe.

Further, whereas it is declared, to the great reproach of Parliament, That the ſums deſired towards the raiſing of Horſe and Arms, is contrived upon generall pretences by ſome few factious Perſons, we leave it to the world to judge,

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how it is possible the Houses should have all their Members, seeing divers of them are by His Majestie summoned to *York*, and there, contrary to the Laws of the Land, and the Priviledges of Parliament detained, nay protected from the Justice of both Houses.

And secondly, how that can possibly be called a Faction which is done by both Houses of Parliament, the greatest Court of *England*, the most faithfull Councell His Majesty hath. But at such language as this they wonder not, considering by what wicked Councel His Majesties Affaires are Guided, and by what Malignant spirits His Majesties affections to the Parliament of late have been misled.

Both Houses well weighing the premises, Do forbid any Majors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, or other Officers whatsoever, to publish or spread that Paper, as they will answer their Contempt to the Parliament. And do assure themselves, that neither His Majesties Commands, nor His Threats, will with-draw or deter men, well affected to the Publike, from doing their Duty in Contributing such Money, Horse and Plate, as will be necessary for the preserving the Being of the Parliament, the Peace of the Kingdome, and those other Ends before mentioned; for which they are desired. The dangerous and mischievous Intentions of some about His Majesty, being such, That whatsoever is most precious to

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men of Conſcience and Honour, as Religion, Liberty, and publique Safety, are like to be overwhelmed, and loſt in the generall Confuſion and Calamity of the Kingdom, which will not only queſtion, but over-throw the Charter of the City of *London*, expoſe the Citizens, their wives and children to violence and villany, and leave the Wealth of that famous City as a prey to thoſe deſperate and neceſſitous perſons.

The Lords and Commons as they hope by this meanes thoſe horrid miſchiefes may be prevented: So thoſe of the City (which contribute hereunto) (whereof none are ſo mean and Baſe as to deſerve the reproaches caſt on them by that Paper) and all His Majeſties good Subjects may be aſſured that in doing their duty herein, they ſhall be Protected and ſecured in their perſons, Liberties, and eſtates, by the Power and Authority of both Houſes of Parliament, according to their former Engagements which they will ever faithfully performe.

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His Majesties DECLARATION Concerning LEAVIES.

Charles R.

OUr expresse Pleasure is, That this Our Declaration be Published in all Churches and Chappells within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, by the Parsons, Vicars or Curates of the same.

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